



油尖旺區議會

YAU TSIM MONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The Secretariat of
the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing with great pleasure to express my interest in joining the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. In preparing for the rapidly growing aging population, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China has endeavored to adopt policies on building an age-friendly environment to achieve active, healthy and secured aging in the city for many years.

The Yau Tsim Mong District is one of the districts of HKSAR. In order to support the policies of the age-friendly, a Working Group was established under the District Council which has encouraged the community to provide care and support services to the elders as well as to organize activities to keep them actively engaged in the community. Moreover, with the special funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the support of the District Council, a pilot baseline assessment of age-friendliness was conducted in 2017 through the collaborated service learning project with the local senior service units and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The findings will help us to identify suitable indicators and methods in the measurement of age-friendliness in the local context so as to ensure adequate care services and supports for the elderly in the district in long term.

With the opportunity to join the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, we are confident that our age-friendly strategies/action plan will be further strengthened through the exchange of experience among the members in the Network. I am looking forward to your favorable reply. Should you have further enquiries, please feel free to contact Mr. Gary AU via e-mail: gary_hy_au@had.gov.hk

Yours faithfully,

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